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PHIB Report On Foreign Reaction to the Marshall Plan.

1. Col. White, Chief, PHIB, informs us that they are undertaking a study of foreign reactions, pro and con, to the Marshall Plan.

2. Col. White has referred two questions to me for consideration:

- a) The timing of the release of such a study; and
- b) The extent of Congressional distribution desired.

3. In connection with 2(a) above, it would appear, in view of the probable length of the hearings and debate in Congress, that no attempt should be made to time this report to influence Committee decision or final vote. Rather it would seem that if such a report is desirable it should be issued periodically throughout the entire debate on a weekly or bi-monthly basis.

4. In view of the fact that the State Department is in some measure monitoring the presentation of evidence for the Marshall Plan, it may be necessary to secure their views prior to releasing it to the Congress.

5. It might be well, also, to ascertain the views of the staff directors of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees as to the number of copies they may need and the desirability of further dissemination to other Members of the Congress.

6. It is understood that Mr. Kirkpatrick, O/O, has discussed the preparation of this report with Gen. Wright.

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